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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

Under the distinguished patronage and in the
presence of
H. E. SIR G. W. DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.,
AND
LADY DES VŒUX.

LAST TWO NIGHTS OF THE
"MY SHERWIN" SEASON

A **THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.**


Balfe's entire Opera in 4 Acts,
 "THE BOHEMIAN GIRL,"
 which by Special Request will be introduced
 "LITTLE BIRD SO SWEETLY
 SINGING."
 Arline AMY SHERWIN
 The Gipsy Queen Miss MINNA FISCHER
 Chaddos (a Polish exile) Mr. H. STOCKWELL
 Count Arnsheim A. SERRIN
 Forester (his Nephew) H. H. LIGHTWOOD

Sylviahoof..... EDWARD CROW
Servant..... JACKSON
Soldiers and Gentlemen of the Court.

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH,
AREWELL NIGHT OF THE SEASON,
The entire Opera of
"TROVATORE."
on which occasion the Company will have the
assistance of Gentlemen of the Choral Society.

Box plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, LD.
HUGO GORLITZ,
Maufrager.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1889. [721
PUBLIC AUCTION OF GOOD TEA.
THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
the 16th April, 1889, at Noon, at
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.'s Godowns at Warehouse

ON ACCOUNT AND RISK OF THE CONCERNED
 about 1,100 Boxes, each lbs. 37, of good
 CONGOU FOOCOW TEA in sound
 condition.
 TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
 H. N. MODY,
 Auctioneer.
 Hongkong, 13th April, 1889. 1765



GOVERNMENT BILLS.

VENDERS for SPECIE MEXICAN DOLLARS, Current in this colony weighing 7.17, in exchange for **STERLING BILLS** drawn ON DEMAND on the **RESIDUE COMMISSIONERS OF H. M. TREASURY**, London, will be received by the **Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department**, until 11 A.M., **MONDAY, the 15th inst.**

The **Tenders** to state the **Total Amount** required (**IN POUNDS STERLING**) and

amount for which each Bill should be
wa, but no Bills will be issued for sums
than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, in Sealed
ers, addressed to The CHIEF PAYMASTER,
ENT PAY DEPARTMENT, and endorsed "Ten-
ers for Government Bills."

The right to reject or accept any or all of the
aders is reserved.

C. H. CHAUNCEY, Colonel,
Chief Paymaster,

China.
Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 11th April, 1889. [782

**E PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEET-
ING of the above Company will be held
in the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 27th
inst, at 0.30 P.M.**

C. MOONEY,
Secretary (pro. tem.).
Hongkong, 13th April, 1883. 1763

\$50 REWARD.

HE Undersigned STEWARD of ROYAL
NAVAL SEAMEN'S CLUB, offers the above-
mentioned sum to any Person or Persons who is
to prove that he has purchased Wine, Beer
or Spirits in this Colony from any Firm or
individual other than those whose receipts he

produced before the Committee of the
Press Club, or that he has been convey-
ing Liquor in his jurisdiction.
CHARLES BOREHAM
Hongkong, 13th April, 1889. 1764

**GAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA NAGA-
SAKI AND KOBE.**
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"THIBET."

leave for the above places on the 16th inst.
noon, instead of as previously advertised.
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1889. 11

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND
CALCUTTA.

The Company's Steamship.

“WINGSANG.”
 Main St. Cruz, will be despatched as above
WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst., at THREE
 The steamer has superior first class accom-
 modation specially constructed to meet the re-
 quirements of tropical climates.
 Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
 General Managers.

AM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.
ing at COLOMBO if Sufficient Induce-
ment Offers.
E. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"DECCAN."
leave for the above places, on the 18th
at Noon.
E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Shanghai, 13th April, 1889. 1766

"BREGONSHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND
YOKOHAMA.
(VIA INLAND SEA).

THE Steamship

"BREGONSHIRE,"
Lieut. Dancaaster, will be despatched for the
Ports on the 18th inst.

Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1889. 1767

ERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
R SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND
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78, and taking through Cargo to NEW

ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &C).
Steamship
"CATTERTHUN"
on Darke, will be despatched for the above
on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at
P.M.
Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1889. [760]

INTIMATIONS.

1889. NOW READY. 1890.
THE
CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
FOR 1890.
WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED
"THE CHINA DIRECTORY."
(THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ISSUE).
CONTAINING, WITH APPENDIX, PLANS, &c., &c.,
ROYAL 8vo. pp. 1216. ...\$5.00.
SMALLER EDITION, Royal 8vo. pp. 820 ...\$3.00.

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has been thoroughly revised and brought up
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man will have his cousin and his brother,
whom by the established custom of the
country he must support, so that instead of
one you will find yourselves called on to em-
ploy a whole family and all their relations.
The warning was not taken and at the mo-
ment the uncles and the cousins and the
aunts are in full possession."

The above remarks are perhaps disas-
trous by some aspersions of feeling, but in
the main they are, we believe, true. Com-
plaints of unpunctuality and of the non-
observance of regulations have been heard
over since the line was opened. It is but fair
to observe, however, that foreigners and not
Chinese were the principal figures in the
chapter of accidents leading up to the disas-
ter of the 25th March. In the first place
the original delay was caused by the Euro-
pean driver of the Tangshan train injuring
his hand by the explosion of a gun he was
firing at a flock of wild ducks. For an engine
driver to seek relaxation by indulging in
sport while his engine was in motion—for
such seems to have been the case—must
strike every one as irregular, to say the least.

The European guard who came to the driver's
assistance, apprehensive lest he should be
led to death, uncoupled the engine and proceed-
ed with him to Tangshan. Meantime the train
was delayed, and as the hours passed, the
driver of the Tientsin train, waiting on the
siding, made every effort to continue indefi-
nitely, for on no other supposition can we ex-
plain his willingness to incur the risk he ran.
How grave was his error of judgment the disas-
terous result proved. And here again it is
only fair to mention that the Chinese are re-
spected to have endeavored to dissuade him
from going on. The unfortunate man is not
alive to speak for himself, and it may be that
instead of the Chinese trying to dissuade
him, as they now say, he yielded to their im-
portunities in the opposite direction. How-
ever this may be, the responsibility rested
with the driver, who paid with his life for
his error of judgment. Thus from begin-
ning to end the accident appears to have
been immediately due to errors on the part
of the foreign employees of the Company.
For the disorganization and evident want
of discipline which allowed these errors to
work out their disastrous results, the respon-
sibility must be laid at the door of the Directors.
They have very wisely recalled Mr. Kinnear,
the engineer-in-chief, by telegraph—that
gentleman being on his way home of leave.
If they wish the line to prove a real suc-
cess they will not again attempt to carry on the
direct administration themselves, but will
entrust some competent foreigner with the
same absolute authority over the staff and
working of the line that Sir Robert Hart
exercised over the Imperial Maritime Custom-
house. It is only thus that the necessary
discipline and regularity can be maintained.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Ball & Co.)
inform us that the S.S. line steamer *Reverie*,
from London, left Singapore yesterday
for this port.

We notice that Queen's Road is undergoing
repairs, in the same style as before, the road
being broken up and granite chips thrown in.
A much more radical method of treatment than
this is in vogue.

We learn that 850 of the Hongkong Hotel
Company's Debentures have been tendered for
the number of debentures the public tendered
600. These applicants who tendered under \$1
premium per Debenture will receive nothing.

On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30
o'clock, the steam launch carrying the Bethel
flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting col-
our pennant C to convey mail ashore to 11 a.m. ser-
vice (see page 1) to the Chinese Consulate, returning
about 12.30.

The results of the ties in the Lawn Tennis
Handicap yesterday were:—Platt beat
Hawkins 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Corcoran beat Wal-
lace 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. The handicaps were—Platt 30; Hawkins 15; Wallace 10; Corcoran 5.

The case of *Heighington v. Watts*, in which
the plaintiff claimed \$1,000 for illegal arrest and
false imprisonment, was called yesterday morn-
ing at the Supreme Court and adjourned till
Tuesday. We learn, however, that the case has
been settled out of Court, plaintiff withdrawing
from the suit on the payment of \$250.

Says the *Japan Gazette*—Companies in this
country are not the recent adoption some people
imagine. More than a century and a half ago
a Whaling Company was formed in Otago, New
Zealand, and it still exists. It was one of the
last four months the Company was very suc-
cessful, realizing by its catches \$31,000.

There will be a Polo match at Canaway Bay
this afternoon at 4.30 between the Military and
Civilians, and the usual game afterwards.
The ground and ponies at present are in good con-
dition and there should be good sport. On Wed-
nesday evening three games were played. The
first was a draw, the second was won by the
military, and the third was a draw.

We hear that there have been several applica-
tions from members of the service for the
appointment of Valuator, which will shortly
become vacant by the resignation of Mr. A.
Buckton, who has received the appoint-
ment of Secretary of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Land and Survey Office. The
appointment has to be made by the Secretary
of State.

The following paragraph appears in a London
contemporary:—"Japan has furnished us with a
lesson of what we in this country can do when
we are in a hurry. In 1885 the Japanese Govern-
ment ordered fifty-five torpedo boats to be
built in England, and the construction pro-
ceeded so rapidly that within twelve months the
whole of them were completed. Then Japan went
to France for express torpedoes, and a small
fleet of them was ordered early in 1887, and
they are now only about finished. This tardiness
of supply has prompted the Japanese to set up
a manufacturing establishment of their own."

The income of the New York Life Insurance
Company, as reported in our advertising columns
last week, was \$1,000,000. This is a very large
sum, and shows the result of the working of this
company. About one-sixth of it was from in-
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millions contributed by policy-holders. Men do
not pay out such sums for nothing, and, as the
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